



BARRINGTON

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RE: WC Docket No. 11-59

Honorable Commissioners:

The Village of Barrington, Illinois appreciates the opportunity to comment on this matter, and wishes to make the following comments:

Par. 47: *"Should the Commission adopt rules designed to foster broadband deployment by addressing rights-of-way or wireless facilities siting problems?"*

We do not believe the adoption of further rules is necessary. The current regulations prohibit local governments from adopting rules that effectively prohibit development of broadband, while preserving local control over siting. Local conditions vary considerably, and it would be difficult for a set of national standards to fairly address varying local conditions. Rather, the existing broad mandates adequately balance the needs of broadband deployment and individual localities.

Par. 48: *"Should the commission adopt guidelines or rules allowing or requiring infrastructure providers to impose separate line item fees to recover rights-of-way or wireless facilities siting charges directly from the subscribers in the jurisdiction imposing such charges...?"*

We appreciate and support the concept of transparency in government; however, our direct experience with telecommunications providers has shown us that the imposition of local fees, no matter how legitimate or necessary, are the first thing that providers use to unjustly accuse local governments of stifling their efforts to provide services, and to urge consumers to bring pressure to bear on localities to reduce fees. We have also directly experienced that maintaining accurate records of municipal boundaries has proven to be a challenge for providers; therefore, having different line items charges in different municipalities would likely impose additional burdens upon providers.

In summary, we urge the Commission to use great caution when considering adding to the current regulations governing broadband deployment and local rights-of-way. The current regulations are clear and simple, and balance the need to expand broadband deployment with the need for local control over the built environment.

Thank you for your consideration,

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